

State Assessment Information

Smarter Balance Assessment for Grades 3 through 8 and 11

Subject Matter Assessed:

English Language Arts (ELA): reading, writing, listening, and research

Math: concepts and procedures, problem solving and modeling/data analysis, and communicating reasoning.

Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:

The purpose of the Smarter Balanced Assessment is to measure students' achievement in relation to our state standards in the areas of English language arts and mathematics. In addition to providing overall scores in these two subjects, score reports will also provide information on student performance in the above mentioned assessed areas.

Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:

State of South Dakota Department of Education

Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:

Approximately 7 hours are required for both assessments combined

Schedule for the Assessment:

The SD State Window for this assessment is the first Wednesday in March through the first Friday in May. McIntosh generally tests during the month of April.

Time and Format for Disseminating Results:

Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available which is within three weeks of test submission. Results are often sent home by the McIntosh District with the final report cards in late May or early June.

URL for More Information Regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessment

<http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>

South Dakota Science Assessment for Grades 5, 8, and 11

Subject Matter Assessed:

Physical Science, Life Science, and Earth/Space Science

Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:

The purpose of the South Dakota Science Assessment is to measure students' achievement in relation to our state standards in the area of science. In addition to providing overall scores in this subject, score reports will also provide information on student performance in the above mentioned assessed areas.

Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:

State of South Dakota Department of Education

Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:

Approximately 3 hours are required for the science assessment.

Schedule for the Assessment:

The SD State Window for this assessment is the first Wednesday in April through the first Friday in May. McIntosh generally tests during the month of April.

Time and Format for Disseminating Results:

Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available which will be in late May. Results are often sent home by the McIntosh District with the final report cards in late May or early June.

URL for More Information Regarding the South Dakota Science Assessment:

<http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/>

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) for grades 4 and 8

Subject Matter Assessed:

Math and Reading

Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:

NAEP, also known as the Nation's Report Card, is a national assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subjects. Its two major goals are to measure student achievement and to report change in student performance over time.

Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:

Federal regulations require that the NAEP be given and that the results be reported on state and district report cards.

Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:

Approximately 2 hours are required for the NAEP.

Schedule for the Assessment:

The SD State Window for this Assessment is January 28 through March 8, 2019.

Time and Format for Disseminating Results:

The results are disseminated to the public shortly after the school year begins in the fall when the state and district report card is made public via the McIntosh School website. Information on how to access this report card on the web or via a hard copy is also shared at this time by a letter mailed to all families in the district.

URL for More Information Regarding the NAEP Assessment:

<http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/NAEP.aspx> and at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents/>

College and Career Assessment Information

National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) for grade 11

Subject Matter Assessed:

Applied Math-measures the students' ability to apply mathematical reasoning to work-related problems.

Graphic Literacy-measures students' ability to use information from diagrams, floor plans, tables, graphs, and charts.

Workplace documents-measures students' ability to comprehend work-related reading material from memos to policy manuals.

Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:

The NCRC is a way for students to show prospective employers that they possess the skills required in the workplace and is designed to offer an accurate prediction about the success of people in the workplace. The NCRC can also be used to better match applicant skills to available positions.

Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:

McIntosh School District

Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:

Approximately 3 hours are required for the NCRC.

Schedule for the Assessment:

The McIntosh School District requests a tester from the Department of Labor and Regulation to give the assessment in the fall of the school year.

Time and Format for Disseminating Results:

Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available during an interpretive session with the school guidance counselor.

URL for More Information Regarding the NCRC:

www.act.org/certificate/

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) for grade 11

Subject Matter Assessed:

General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics Information, Auto and Shop Information, and Mechanical Comprehension.

Purpose for Which the Assessment is Designed and Used:

The ASVAB is a high quality, career exploration and planning assessment as well as a military entrance qualifying exam. The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military

Source of the Requirement for the Assessment:

McIntosh School District

Amount of Time Students Will Spend Taking the Assessment:

Approximately 3 hours are required for the ASVAB.

Schedule for the Assessment:

The McIntosh School District allows a tester from the ASVAB Career Exploration Program to give the battery.

Time and Format for Disseminating Results:

Results are disseminated as soon as possible after they become available during an interpretive session with the school guidance counselor.

URL for More Information Regarding the ASVAB:

www.asvabprogram.com